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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

This hands-on workshop will introduce participants to the possibilities of using Twitter in the Classroom.

Participants will learn how to find resources and create activities using Twitter as another way of using technology tools in the classroom.

WHAT IS TWITTER?

Twitter began in a "daylong brainstorming session" that was held by board members of the podcasting company Odeo in an attempt to break out of a creative slump. At that meeting Jack Dorsey introduced the idea of an individual using an SMS service to communicate with a small group, a concept partly inspired by the SMS group messaging service TXTMob. Both Brin and Page had been against using advertising pop-ups in a search engine, or an "advertising funded search engines" model, and they wrote a research paper in 1998 on the topic while still students. However, they soon changed their minds and early on allowed simple text ads.

TWITTER IN THE CLASSROOM

Here are some ideas for using Twitter in your classroom:

- **Direct Tweet.** Teachers, students, and parents can contact each other through direct Tweets without having to share cell phone numbers.

- **Get to know your classmates.** A class Twitter group will help facilitate teachers and students getting to know each other.

- **Collaborate on projects.** When working together on projects, set up a group using an app like Tweetworks to facilitate communication between everyone working together.



- **Make announcements.**

Teachers can send out reminders about upcoming tests, project due dates, or any news that needs to be shared via Twitter.

- **Brainstorm.** The ability to share ideas as they occur any time and any where creates an excellent opportunity for brainstorming on class topics.

- **Take a poll.** Ask student their opinions or get feedback on future projects or topics by using an app like Poll-Daddy.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1. Define Twitter
2. Review AUP and cyber safety
3. Evaluate Twitter for classroom use
4. Discuss Twitter implications
5. Brainstorm Twitter activities for the classroom
6. Share a lesson possibility

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